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### **SUSPECT ARRESTED FOR 2001 HOMICIDE**

On August 7, 2001, at approximately 1:00 a.m., Grand Rapids Police responded to 919 Eastern Ave. SE on a reported shooting. Upon arrival, officers located Frank Demarrko Suggs, DOB 7/28/1975, shot on the front steps of the house. Suggs was pronounced dead at the scene. The case was investigated until all leads were exhausted.

The incident was reviewed in 2003 and 2004 by a seated Grand Jury without any new substantial leads resulting. Shortly after the Grand Jury, a Grand Rapids detective assigned to the Major Case Team and a Grand Rapids detective assigned to the Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) Task Force, took up the case.

In 2006, Bruce Jermaine Hill, DOB 3/28/1980, was identified as a suspect through physical evidence and witness statements.

On October 23, 2007, a warrant was authorized by the Kent County Prosecutor's Office charging Bruce Hill with Open Murder, Felony Firearm, and Habitual Offender. Hill was currently housed at Riverside Correctional Facility serving a sentence for Home Invasion.

On Thursday, November 1, 2007, Hill was arraigned in 61<sup>st</sup> District Court on the charges. Hill is currently at Kent County Correctional Facility awaiting preliminary examination scheduled for November 14, 2007 at 1:00 p.m.

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